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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation continued over the period 21 to 31 August 1995.

21 August 1995

1. Northern region: 18 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Aqrah, Ayn Zalah, Tall Afar, Mosul and Irbil.

2. Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Artawi, Jalibah, Busayyah, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Salman, Samawah and Shinafiyah.

3. On 21 August 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

- The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0905 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1040 hours.

- The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1115 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1344 hours.

22 August 1995

1. Northern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Amadiyah and Aqrah.

2. Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Hamzah, Chabaish, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

3. On 22 August 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

- The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0912 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1013 hours.

- The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1140 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1300 hours.

23 August 1995

1. Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 44 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Qurnah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. On 23 August 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

- The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0922 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1022 hours.

- The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1215 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1320 hours.

24 August 1995

1. Northern region: 27 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour, centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Mosul, Ayn Zalah, Tall Afar, Irbil and Aqrah.

2. Southern region: 37 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Jalibah, Artawi, Salman, Samawah, Busayyah, Qurnah and Qal'at Salih.

25 August 1995

1. Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour, centred over Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Aqrah, Zakho and Ayn Zalah.

2. Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Shinafiyah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Chabaish.

3. On 25 August 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

- The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0908 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1013 hours.

- The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1203 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1210 hours.

26 August 1994

1. Southern region: 68 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, the area south of Najaf, Lasaf, Nukhayb, Shatrah, Qurnah, Chabaish, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

2. On 26 August 1995, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

- The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0915 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1005 hours.

- The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1043 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1140 hours.

- The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1143 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1225 hours.

27 August 1995

Southern region: 79 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman and Jalibah.

28 August 1995

1. Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 80 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Busayyah, Chabaish and Artawi.

3. At 1107 hours on 28 August 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1224 hours.

29 August 1995

1. Northern region: 6 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 90 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. On 29 August 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

- The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0855 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1038 hours.

- The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1200 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1348 hours.

30 August 1995

1. Southern region: 63 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, the area south of Diwaniyah, the area south of Najaf, Qurnah and Qal'at Sukkar.

2. On 30 August 1995, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

- The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0905 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1025 hours.

- The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0937 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1213 hours.

- The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1150 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1315 hours.

31 August 1995

1. Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Aqrah and Zakho.

2. Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Ushbayjah, Salman and Busayyah.

3. On 31 August 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

- The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0110 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1055 hours.

- The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1205 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1400 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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